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**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 8, 2003 8:43 PM  
**Subject:** Please Act to Stop Media Monopolies

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241 Russell Senate Office Building  
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**From:** texace@overland.net  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Fri, May 23, 2003 10:02 PM  
**Subject:** Media Moral Deterioration

Dear Ms. Abernathy, I remember standing in my driveway at dusk some 28+ years ago having my nightly conversation with my neighbor. He is still my best friend. I remember telling him that if the pace of degradation in the media continued, we would soon be in a untenable, trashy hole. Well, we are there!

I am appalled at the depraved, degrading "norm" that we have come to in all media forms. I have two grown sons and one grandchild and one on the way. We must do something to stop the degradation in the media. I have joined your organization to aid in this goal.

I did not own a TV prior to 911. I could not tolerate the profane, stupid, low offering (?). I rarely watch TV and I carefully select the movies I pay to see and I try without much success to control the uninvited pornographic spam that constitutes most of my email.

I urge you and your organization to press for more children's programming and less pornographic, violent trash in the media. I urge you. That is why I joined Common Sense Media. I expect results.

Vote for honest to God children's programming in the media.

I am watching! Let's clean up the mess.

Thank you,

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**From:** DSEDVD@cs.com  
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**Date:** Sat, May 24, 2003 10 54 AM  
**Subject:** Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

On June 2nd, the FCC will take its final vote on whether or not to change current "Broadcast Ownership Rules," and allow giant media conglomerates to grab an even bigger share of television and radio stations across our nation

If these rule changes are adopted, it could give a tiny handful of anti-gun media executives the unchallenged power to keep NRA viewpoints off the T.V. and radio airwaves in thousands of communities across our nation -- small towns and big cities alike. The big media conglomerates have proved in the past that they WILL use their power to keep opposing viewpoints off the air and these proposed rule changes would extend that power even further.

"Please vote against this change to the Broadcast Ownership rules on June 2nd. I have always thought that the television and radio media was a place for every one to voice their opinions equally without bias. The NRA members makes up over 4 million plus of your viewers and listeners. If you silence the 4 million NRA members then what good is the television and radio media to the general public? Do not silence the National Rifle Association. We do a great service to wildlife conservation, Home and personal protection education, Police, Military, and civilian personal safety training in the use of firearms. The NRA Eddy Eagle program teaches children to. Stop, Don't touch, Tell an adult, when confronted in finding a firearm and other firearm safety and prevention education. We are not the enemy that the media & the Clinton administration had displayed us to be. So vote against any ban against the NRA or any other organizations that supports the safe use of firearms for personal safety and hunting."

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**From:** Melgivey@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, FCC FCCINFO  
**Date:** Sat, May 24, 2003 12:30 PM  
**Subject:** Please Release Your Proposal

Dear Chairman Powell

Please release your proposal to ease FCC regulations for public review ASAP Your refusal to do so thus far is inappropriate, as was your decision to depart from tradition and deny the request by your peers for a delay on the June 2nd vote.

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**From:** Canalraj@aol.com  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sat, May 24, 2003 3:48 PM  
**Subject:** (no subject)

PLEASE DO NOT ROLL BACK THE LONG ESTABLISHED RULES LIMITING MEDIA OWNERSHIP, A MOVE THAT WOULD MAKE THE MEDIA BEHEMOTHS MORE POWERFUL THAN EVER

he FCC review is taking place with only scattered opposition and scarcely any public debate, thanks in part to a virtual news blackout by the media giants themselves

First there were about 150 broadcasters or broadcast networks. This number has declined to the point that there are now six or seven TV ones. As to radio, "Clear Channel and Viacom together own stations with 42 percent of the nation's listeners. In Minot, N D, according to a recent article in The New York Times, Clear Channel owns all six commercial stations and has reduced the total staff for news reporting to a single employee who mainly reads wire-service reports. Commercial radio effectively no longer exists in Minot as a local communications medium.

It seems to me that the vast majority of the electorate relies on the five or six o'clock TV news as their news source. The fewer the news sources the more likely will be the case that the electorate will be getting propaganda rather than nThank

Thank you,

Jean La Voie

**From:** SKYCLARK@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, kimweb@fec.gov, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 24, 2003 3:56 PM  
**Subject:** Communications

I strongly urge each of you to not relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies. I urge each of you to continue the ownership protections so that large conglomerates can't control the media.

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**Date:** Sat, May 24, 2003 6:11 PM  
**Subject:** (no subject)

Mr. President,

Please stop the vote by the FCC Commissioners in the first part of June on the Media Concentration Rules. Have a brief Postponement to allow public reaction. Since this is going to affect every American Citizen and you always say Quote Protect the American people. We have too much monopoly now and if this passes it will open up the flood gates. I now have to the real news from out of this country, what do you think I will get if this passes more and more of the all ready controled news shoved down our throats

Would like to hear from you on this subject

Thank You,

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KJMWEB

**From:** Bunnyraskin@aol.com  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sat, May 24, 2003 6 47 PM  
**Subject:** (no subject)

Requesting the FCC to maintain the present regulations and not allow the media to be owned by just a few corporations. The airwaves belong to the public. We object to the new proposal set forth by Powell.

Dorri Raskin

**From:** Avgbear@aol.com  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sat, May 24, 2003 7:07 PM  
**Subject:** No Subject

Commissioner Abernathy,

When conquering a nation, the first thing an invading army will do is take over the media. This ensures that the public hears the propaganda more than the truth. The FCC proposal to allow a few major corporations to control the news and the access to the news in this country is the same thing. It is unconscionable of the FCC to even consider this bloodless overthrow of the American public's trust simply to enhance corporate profits!

Too few corporations control the media as it is. As an AOL subscriber, I know that the information I receive on line is selected by Time/Warner. It would not take much of a leap for them to start blocking e-mail or access to websites that differ from the agenda of those in charge, politically or economically. The power is too great to be in the hands of so few.

I urge you to vote against consolidating the media further. Or at the very least, postpone the hearing until you have heard from the American public, the true owners of the airwaves.

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**From:** Golds711@aol.com  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sat, May 24, 2003 8:54 PM  
**Subject:** OPPOSE LIFTING CROSS-OWNERSHIP BAN

Dear Madame Commissioner,  
THE FIX IS IN YOU SHOULD RESIGN BECAUSE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST. YOU HAVE BEEN BOUGHT BY THE NAB YOU'RE NOT FOOLING THE PUBLIC.  
MEDIA CONSOLIDATION TOO BIG ALREADY PUBLIC GETS SCREWED WHILE THE NAB BOUGHT YOU FOR PENNIES. You are Pathetic.  
Very truly yours,  
Stephen J Goldberg, Attorney at Law, Los Angeles

**From:** karav@earthlink.net  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB  
**Date:** Sat, May 24, 2003 9 59 PM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

Ms. Abernathy & Mr. Martin.

As an American with respect for the constitution and for the idea of a free press, I implore you to release your proposal to the public (ie THE AMERICAN PEOPLE) or to delay the vote on the proposal, or simply not to allow a handful of companies tighten its grip on the marketplace.

**From:** RioMcNiel@aol.com  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sun, May 25, 2003 1:39 AM  
**Subject:** Re: News

Please do not allow the freedom of the press to be corrupted on June 2nd. Vote against expansion of Media ownership. Your actions will always be remembered.



**From:** jdas@tampabay.rr.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, May 25, 2003 2:01 AM  
**Subject:** Inquiry

Dear FCC Representative:

In regard to deregulating and ending the minimum requirements for children's educational programming, I only ask WHY? Quality and educational children's programming are already such a miniscule part of what is available to watch on television. Voting to deregulate may well render it non-existent since so much of it is not geared towards generating big advertising dollars. Why not leave the current system in place or even better, push for MORE children's educational programming. The FCC should represent the interests of citizens, not corporations and a move to deregulation clearly favors the latter. Is it not enough that the FCC barely enforces its own programming standards? Now we will have to contend with a potential loss of all non-required children's educational programming, leaving only inappropriate violence and sex-filled adult-oriented programming as our only options. I can't think of a single logical reason why this would be considered in the best interest of the citizens of this country. I urge you to vote against deregulation and support the interests of American children and families. What is the harm in this? Just leave well enough alone.

Sincerely,  
Janet Dean  
U.S. Mother, Citizen and Taxpayer

**From:** AjKelly7@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, May 25, 2003 12:51 PM  
**Subject:** what is "public interest?"

"The public interest at its core is the same thing as my oath of office: a commitment to making sure the American consumer is benefited.... I try to make the best judgment I can in ways I think will benefit consumers. Beyond that I don't know. I'm still trying to figure it out " - FCC Chairman Michael Powell

dear mr. powell,

i hope you will please consider "public interest" as being in the best interest of the american "citizen," not the american "consumer " public interest is not about consumerism, it is about democracy.

thank you for listening

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**CC:** Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

**From:** Floydz5669@aol.com  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sun, May 25, 2003 9:28 PM  
**Subject:** propaganda machine

Don't be a Nazi. America needs what is left of the media, and what you and your little corporate buddies have already destroyed to be free. The free press is breathing it's last breath, and you're responsible for the coup de tat.  
People will want to know who killed America when they wake up and the blood is on your hands.

**From:** WDaniel152@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, May 25, 2003 9:31 PM  
**Subject:** (no subject)

It has come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission is planning to authorize sweeping changes to the American news media. The rules change could allow our local TV stations, newspapers, radio stations, and cable providers to all be owned by one company! NBC, ABC, CBS and Fox could have the same corporate parent. The resulting concentration of ownership would be deeply destructive to our democracy. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN.

Thank you  
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**From:** Dewaspint@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein, KM  
**KJMWEB**  
**Date:** Mon, May 26, 2003 1:54 AM  
**Subject:** (no subject)

To: F C C

Please help keep this country free and open by voting NOT to allow any business to own all the media outlets in a particular area. The fact that there has been little or no coverage of the upcoming vote speaks boatloads about the current state of "fair and balanced reporting" Your vote to allow exclusive ownership in an area will pay back the lobbyist that have entertained you. Your vote to allow freedom to continue will be looking out for the public interest

You can always tell those lobbyist there was too much heat this time and that you will try to pass it next year. They won't cut you off as long as you can do them some good. Do me some good! Vote no to big business and yes to the people

Thanks for your consideration  
in this matter,  
Rita Luse

**From:** WDaniel152@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Mon, May 26, 2003 9 55 AM  
**Subject:** Support diverse, competitive media

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**From:** PLeon20218@aol.com  
**To:** CNN@cnn.com  
**Date:** Mon, May 26, 2003 10:57 AM  
**Subject:** CNN

NO WONDER YOU LARGE MEDIA MOGOLS ARE BEING CALLED TO TASK FOR YOUR  
DELIBERATE MISREPRESENTATION OF FACTS YOU ADVERTISE "THE MOST TRUSTED NAME IN  
NEWS" YOUR DEMONSTRATION OF AK47 MAY 15TH WAS TOTALLY MISLEADING SHERIFF KEN  
JENNE SHOULD BE ASHAMED FOR GOING ALONG WITH THIS WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU  
GOT CONTROL OF ALL THE STATIONS, YOU WOULD STILL CALL THIS FREEDOM OF SPEECH,  
WHEN NO ONE ELSE BUT YOU COULD SPEAK .....  
GO GET THEM MR LA PIERRE

PHILIP J LEON

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